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ORDER ACCEPTING APPLICATION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of
Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy
Corporation, for a Certificate of Need for a
Large Liquefied Gas Storage Facility

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 4, 1995, Minnegasco filed an application for a certificate of need to construct, own, and operate a 7,000 Mcf/day propane-air, peak-shaving facility near Alexandria, Minnesota.

As part of the project, Minnegasco planned to build twelve 30,000 gallon propane storage tanks. This portion of Minnegasco's project fits the definition of "large energy facility" under Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2(e). Minnegasco is therefore required under Minn. Stat. § 216B.243 to obtain a certificate of need prior to siting or construction.

No party filed comments on the Company's certificate of need filing.

The application came before the Commission for consideration on December 14, 1995.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that Minnegasco's filing fulfills the requirements for a certificate of need application found in Minn. Rules, parts 7851.0010 to 7851.0400. The application is substantially complete.

This is a finding as to substantial completeness only; it does not imply a judgment on the merits of the application.

Acceptance of the filing as substantially complete does not exempt any party from replying to reasonable discovery requests as the application process continues.

ORDER

1. The Commission accepts Minnegasco's December 4, 1995, certificate of need application as substantially complete.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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